

Booth House
216 Delaware Street
New Castle, Delaware

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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909 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware

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BOOTH HOUSE(Residence and Office)
New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware

Owner: Clayton Douglas Buck

Date of Erection: Original portion (N.W.) about 1730
Rest of brick front at close of 18th Century.

Present Condition: Generally good.

Number of Stories: Two and one half

Materials of Construction: Stone foundation and cellar.
Brick walls generally; office, frame. Usual structural members and wood doors, floors, trim etc. Interior plastered. Exterior stuccoed. Shingle roofs originally and generally at present.

Other Existing Records: New Castle Survey Map of 1804; Scharf's History of Delaware; Conrad's History of Delaware; Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of New Castle County.

Additional Data: There have been various changes and additions during the 19th Century, including the heavy stucco which conceals the architectural features, such as string or base courses, if existing. The office is of frame construction, and while disused as such, is interesting as having a segmental arched ceiling. The old staircase is simple, primitive, and rather heavy, but appealing because of age and character. The later post colonial woodwork belongs to the best period of New Castle 's decorative carpentry work. Some later 19th Century work is discordant. The old stoop and steps are unusual in New Castle. They are attractive, and have been useful in the past simpler social conditions.

Laurel R. Rogers

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